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Ms. Diane Kessel, Program Manager
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Dear Ms. Kessel:

We are pleased to inform you that your State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) State plan amendment (SPA) submitted on August 16, 2004, has been approved. This amendment increases monthly premiums from \$10 to \$15 per child per month for families with income above 200 percent through 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL) and raises the family maximum for premiums from \$30 to \$45 per month. This amendment also reduces the number of consecutive months a client can be in arrears of paying premiums from 4 months to 3 months and reduces the waiting period for reinstating benefits after termination from 4 months to 3 months.

Your title XXI project officer is Tanya Haun. She is available to answer questions concerning this amendment and other SCHIP-related issues. Ms. Haun's contact information is as follows:

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Official communications regarding program matters should be sent simultaneously to Ms. Haun and to Ms. Karen O'Connor, Associate Regional Administrator in our Seattle Regional Office. Ms. O'Connor's address is:

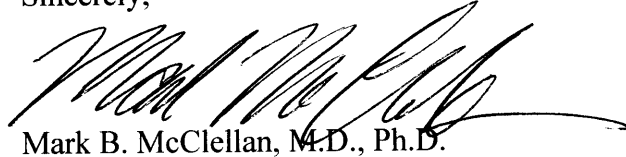
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If you have additional questions, please contact Jean Sheil, Director, Family and Children's Health Programs Group, Center for Medicaid and State Operations at (410) 786-5647.

We look forward to continuing to work with you and your staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark B. McClellan", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Mark B. McClellan, M.D., Ph.D.